

IOM Organizes the First National Conference on Youth Migration in Sudan



IOM Sudan in partnership with the Ministry of Youth and Sports completed the first National Conference on Youth Migration. The conference took place in March 2017, attended by 150 participants from the 18 different States across Sudan.

The opening ceremony was attended by the State Minister of the Ministry of Youth and Sports who emphasized the importance of the conference in engaging youth in Sudan and from the Diaspora. Following the presentations on the first day, three workshops were conducted under the themes; safe migration, opportunities in Sudan, and the role of diaspora in the development of Sudan.

The workshops yielded 32 recommendations presented to the Minister of Youth and Sports, donors and other guests from the diplomatic community. The recommendations were around: 1) the importance of the formulation of national and strategic policies for migration in Sudan, and 2) Suggestions of 5 projects that will support youth economically and socially in Sudan.

The conference was generously funded by the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration and the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation.

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Sudanese Civil Society Organizations Continue Being Trained on Anti-trafficking and Smuggling

Since November 2016, IOM Sudan has been running workshops at the Migrant Resource and Response Centre (MRRC) to build the capacity of NGOs/CSOs to identify human trafficking, protect and refer Victims of Trafficking- and vulnerable migrants to receive the needed assistance. The aim of the series of workshops is to equip representatives of NGOs/CSOs with adequate knowledge and tools to better partner with governmental and non-governmental partners to address human trafficking and smuggling in Sudan.

The third in the series of these workshops was held in February to provide 18 participants representing 13 NGOs /CSOs an outlet to coordinate their efforts by building on their specialties. The workshop built on the recommendations of the previous workshops: (a) to enhance the acquainted knowledge generated in the previous workshops by revisiting the themes covered; (b) identify the gaps within the 4Ps approach –Prevention, Protection, Prosecution and Partnership- to better fit in the proposed National Action Plan; (c) to stand on similar experiences of networking between NGOs/CSOs in the region; (d) to develop a way forward to be followed up in the fourth workshop in April.

A Community Workshop to Identify Livelihoods Needs in West Darfur



On February 2017, IOM conducted a community workshop in West Darfur to identify priority needs of livelihoods interventions for Sudanese returnees and host communities. The workshop is part of the Department for International Development (DFID) of the UK Government's funded project "Monitoring Migration Flows through the Displacement Tracking Matrix and Enhancing the Protection of Migrants through Direct Assistance and Durable Solution". The workshop was successful in identifying the main areas needed for livelihood support to promote economic local re-integration and included community based conversations promoting community ownership and resilience.

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IOM Sudan Chief of Mission and USAID Delegation Visit Abyei

IOM Sudan's Chief of Mission and a USAID Delegation conducted a three day field monitoring mission to Abyei in March to talk to representatives of both Misseriya and Ngok Dinka tribal communities and to visit the newly built water supply infrastructures in Northern Abyei. Difficulty in securing water sources has not only left the population to use unsafe water sources, but also exacerbated pressure for southward seasonal cattle migration into the Ngok Dinka tribal area, where the access for the Misseriyas is currently restricted due to the on-going disputes between the two tribes. Thanks to the generous contribution of USAID and AECOM, IOM was able to enhance access to safe water through the construction of eight new water points and preposition spare parts for future emergency interventions. Through the continuous support from UNISFA, IOM was also able to increase livelihood opportunities for both communities through the construction of grinding mills and oil press facilities, the construction of community vegetable farms, rehabilitation of water points, schools and health clinics.

Continued Border Management Training of Sudanese Police and Immigration Officers



On February 16th, 20 officers from the Sudanese immigration department completed an introductory level 5 day course on: document security, identification and forgery, Sudanese legal framework, essentials of migration management in Sudan and European Union best practices on tackling irregular migration and cross border crimes. The course was the sixth of a series of trainings on Border Management rolled out under the Project: "Enhancing Government of Sudan's technical capacity on Migration Management" with funding support from the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation. The course was delivered by Document Security and ID Expert Mr. Alex Van Duuren from the Netherlands, Mrs. Giada Crivella from the Italian Border Police Office at Fiumicino Airport (Rome) and Professor Ahmed Gamal Eldin from the Ahfad University for Women. [Read More](#)

From Football Star to Begging on the Streets of Khartoum: How the MRRC supports Victims of Trafficking in Sudan

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